

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 15, 1904, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Twin Oaks, Washington, D. C. (November 15, 1904. AGB) Dear Alec:

I heard this morning that Mr. Borglum was distressed for money and wanted to telegraph you for amount of account, so I telegraphed to you. I would have sent him cheque on account — only I was afraid you might have already started your cheque, and I am not sure of the amount, nor whether you would approve of the additional \$200. We certainly do owe him something for his lessons to Daisy and my idea was that if we gave him something more than necessary she would not feel that we were treating him on a business footing — you remember she objected to that from the first.

The W.U.Co. accepted my telegram subject to possible delay of one or two days and I am already getting nervous lest there may be a telegram along somewhere. It is delicious weather, bright and sold now.

I spoke to Charlie about the tetrahedral Construction Co. and he has both your patents and is going to subject them to an engineering expert. I told him I thought it would make a difference to you if he could tell you that he would organize a company to take the patent up and furnish funds to continue experiments before you left Baddeck, as then you could better know how to arrange your laboratory.

I am having difficulty about that bank receipt — I gave it to Helen to register — mail it Saturday. This morning notice was received that it was held for insecure sealing, so that it will not go 2 until today. I think I will telegraph you tomorrow as you will be expecting it. I think that receipt is bewitched. I have been trying to get the money at intervals ever since Sept. 1. I think I better send you a power of attorney to draw the other four thousand.

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Your loving Mabel.